

**March 2009**  
**NORTHERN COMMAND**

# SAFESTAT REPORT

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## Overview

During March 2009, the Northern Command concluded its winter storm season with a major storm at the beginning of the month. This month, Northern Command officers handled 297 crashes. An overview of the crashes showed 204 were property damage, 90 were injury, and three were fatal. The total crashes increased by 12.1% compared to last March. When compared to March of last year, fatal crashes remained the same at three total. As compared to last March our regional commercial vehicle crashes decreased by 14.3% in March 2009 to 12 crashes. In our overall March 2009 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 23 of our total crashes in the Northern Command, which is a 23.8% increase from last year at this time.

The officers in our command arrested 131 intoxicated drivers this month. The average blood alcohol level of these intoxicated drivers was, .17%, over twice the legal limit of .08% blood alcohol content. The average age of the intoxicated drivers was 35 years of age. Our officers arrested 210 people on various charges over the month of May. In other areas of enforcement, our officers wrote 2,372 speeding citations, 630 hazardous moving citations and 318 seat belt citations.

To assist in industry education, our Commercial Enforcement section conducted 20 separate training sessions. These industry-training sessions will help create a safer driving environment for the Commercial Trucking Industry and the overall motoring public.

On a sad note and for all those in our command group, we would like to extend our condolences to the Oakland Police Department and the families of their four fallen officers. We will always remember the Oakland Police Officers as heroes in our eyes for their bravery and their ultimate sacrifices. We will never forget these four courageous officers.

**NORTHERN COMMAND CRASH STATISTICS OVERVIEW**

0	March 09	March 08	% Change	Feb 09	% Change
Total Crashes	297	265	12.1%	213	39.4%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	204	187	9.1%	146	39.7%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	90	75	20.0%	66	36.4%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3	3	0.0%	1	200.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	26	21	23.8%	19	36.8%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	3	3	0.0%	1	200.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1	1	0.0%	0	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0	1	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1	1	0.0%	0	-100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	12	14	-14.3%	14	-14.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	10	9	11.1%	10	0.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	2	5	-60.0%	4	-50.0%
Fatal Crashes Involving Commercial Vehicles	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

**Crash Analysis**

- Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.0%
- Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 8.7%
- Percentage of persons killed without seatbelts to total person killed 0.0%
- Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.0 %

## NORTHERN COMMAND FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	March 09		March 08	% Change		Feb 09	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	26		21	23.8%		19	36.8%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	105		109	-3.7%		95	10.5%
Other Arrests	452		656	-31.1%		456	-0.9%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	210		253	-17.0%		210	0.0%
Speed violations	2327		2797	-16.8%		2021	15.1%
Hazardous moving violations	630		683	-7.8%		569	10.7%
Occupant restraint violations ##	318		411	-22.6%		296	7.4%
Total violations [above violations included]	5723		6692	-14.5%		5571	2.7%
<b>Commercial Enforcement</b>							
Hazardous moving violations-citations/arrests	22		14	57.1%		31	-29.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	12		12	0.0%		14	-14.3%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	664		613	8.3%		845	-21.4%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	2		0	200.0%		0	200.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	228		238	-4.2%		349	-34.7%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1744		1567	11.3%		2219	-21.4%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	76		48	58.3%		72	5.6%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	68		59	15.3%		121	-43.8%
Total school buses inspected	176		320	-45.0%		56	214.3%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	29		35	-17.1%		86	-66.3%
Total trucks weighed	331		1530	-78.4%		25	1224.0%
Total overweight citations	20		16	25.0%		343	-94.2%
Total dyed fuel inspections	224		343	-34.7%		294	-23.8%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	Mar 2009		Mar 2008	% Change		Feb 2009	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>							
Radio Transmissions from Console	255838		238939	7.1%		359274	-28.8%
CAD Incidents	18090		15564	16.2%		17349	4.3%
Telephone Calls	15220		21840	-30.3%		17868	-14.8%
CAD Logs	147888		123497	19.8%		195544	-24.4%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>							
Accident Reports Processed	342		374	-8.57%		281	21.71%
Arrest Reports Processed	257		232	10.78%		229	12.23%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	31		15	106.67%		9	244.44%
Office Accident Reports Taken	22		9	144.44%		6	266.67%
Citations Processed	3858		3933	-1.91%		3487	10.64%
Vehicle Impound Releases	2		2	0.0%		0	100.0%
Visitors at Counter	187		86	117.44%		145	28.97%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	\$648.60		\$808.54	-19.78%		\$560.50	15.72%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>							
Warrants Received	577		701	-17.7%		575	0.3%
Warrants Entered	499		112	345.5%		501	-0.4%
Warrants Cleared	547		519	5.4%		638	-14.3%
Warrants Validated	1852		3070	-39.7%		1562	18.6%
Extradition / Transports	36		18	100%		36	0.0%

**IMPAIRED DRIVER ANALYSIS**

- Average BAC 0.17%
- Average age of DUI arrestees, 35 years old

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- Two (2) Contracts using 15.45 hours, billed in the amount of \$2,650.76

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIO Meetings	Accident Response
407	5	10	1	5

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
57	298	9	0	0	0

#### Additional Appearances, Events and Activities:

- Delivered a 60-minute traffic safety presentation at the University of Nevada Reno to 7seven (7) traffic safety professionals visiting the United States from Russia via a program arranged by the Department of State.
- Provided two (2) separate presentations to the State's senior law enforcement leaders to explain law enforcement's involvement with Special Olympics; here in Nevada and around the country and the world.
- Responded to a large volume of media inquiries when a winter snow storm hit the Reno-Sparks area on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Troopers stayed extremely busy during the morning commute hours handling crash reports, as well as assisting dozens of stranded or disabled motorists.
- Participated in a career fair at DaMonte Ranch High School and attended a Health and Wellness Fair at the Reno Boys and Girls Club.
- Participated in a joint-agency press conference in Reno with other allied law enforcement agencies to introduce the automobile window tint meters. These devices measure the amount or percentage of light of which any amount less than 35%, with a tolerance of 7%, is a violation under Nevada Revised Statute 484.6195. Six (6) interviews to include, four (4) television stations, one (1) print and one (1) radio spot were completed.
- Assisted California authorities during the month by initiating a state-wide Amber Alert. The young child was located unharmed that same day not too far from the city where she was abducted from.
- We are continuing to provide at least one (1)-live traffic report each weekday morning on KRNK Channel 4 News.
- Assisted with the filming of a public service announcement for the Reno Rodeo Association.

#### FLIGHT OPERATIONS

The Northern Command aircraft made 22 flights during the month of March for a total of 59 flight hours. Following is a breakdown of activities.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
8	29.9	51	Speed Enforcement
8	18.8	32	Personnel Transport
3	6	10	NDOT
1	2.7	4	In State Prisoner Transport
2	1.6	3	Pilot Training

The Chief was flown to Las Vegas on the 10<sup>th</sup> for meetings. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Harkleroad and Trp. Valiant were flown to Las Vegas to conduct motorcycle interviews. On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Chief was flown to Elko for meetings. On the 31<sup>st</sup>, The Chief and Major Malloy were flown



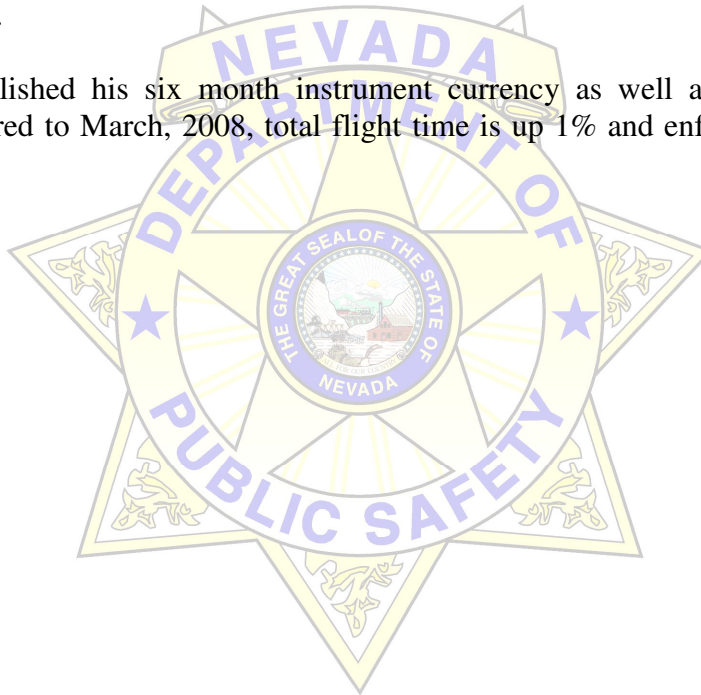
to Las Vegas to attend Roger Means' funeral and to visit retired Sgt. Mark Clark who is ill with cancer.

NDOT used the plane for three days. 11 speed enforcement missions were scheduled for the month; 8 were flown. One mission was cancelled due to weather and two were cancelled for personnel transports. Total enforcement was 359. Following is the enforcement breakdown.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	294
Hazardous	9
Non-Hazardous	45
Seat belt	11

During the course of enforcement, 5 motorists were assisted and one vehicle was impounded. The high speed for the month occurred on the 13<sup>th</sup> at Wadsworth- a red Toyota 4d was clocked at 96 mph.

The pilot accomplished his six month instrument currency as well as his 90 day night currency. Compared to March, 2008, total flight time is up 1% and enforcement is up 3%.



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